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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 31, 1981

Fisch Instruments
Counterfeit Coin Report
P. O. Box 160332
Sacramento, CA 95816

Gentlemen:

Please send us the Counterfeit Coin Report for which a check is enclosed. We receive the reports from the International organization in London and from the ANACS. We would like to receive whatever reports you publish in the future. Ours is for library purposes only as we are completely non-commercial.

If at any time you need any literature on counterfeiting from 1800 to the present, our library is full of it.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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September 14, 1981

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Attn: Mr. Rutherford

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you for the Counterfeit Coin Report #1. I had no idea I would be quoted in it.

We operate a money museum in downtown St. Louis and have, among other things, a large collection of counterfeit coin detectors principally from the United States and England and would welcome your coming to see them whenever you are here. Some are the rocker type, like yours. Under these circumstances we would like to have a set of each variety of yours. If there is a charge, please let us know, but they will not be used for testing.

I am enclosing a copy of one of my articles you may not be familiar with. It involves rare coins with irregular or smooth edges. The coins are sometimes made of proper metals using the finest dental casting techniques. I think they were produced in central California. These were produced to sell to collectors and not to have fraudulent intrinsic value.

We have a large library of books and pamphlets on coin and currency counterfeiting, so any time you need any references, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

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9th April, 1985

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

I want to ask you a favor. I am researching the practice of ringing coins to check their authenticity. I ask if you could send any information you might have. I will be happy to pay any costs incurred for photocopies, etc. If you could advise me of any sources for information it would also be much appreciated. I am also writing to the American Numismatic Association.

By the way, we have recently produced gauges for the U.S. $10 and $20, U.S. 1 and 1/2 ounce medallions, the fractional Maple Leafs and the Mexican Onza. The gauges are now used in 36 countries.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth M. Rutherford

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Mr. Kenneth M. Rutherford
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P.O Box 160332
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Dear Mr. Rutherford:

It is nice to hear from you again and we are glad to help with your inquiry of 9 April 1985. We would like to know what you have already checked in writings of the past. The Index of the Numismatist
The Scrapbook index
The Amer Journal of Numismatics Index
The Amer Num Soc card catalog
Coin World has their own index.
What counterfeiting books do you have?

Off hand I do not know of any article describing the ringing test but I'll gladly look after you tell me what you already might have.

I cannot withhold comments I have on ringing as a test. It is unreliable but can be a warning.

1. If a coin has a cracked planchet or is cut out of a pieced sheet of metal it may be genuine but will not ring.
2. A cast forgery (particularly centrifugal castings) often rings very nicely.
3. Struck forgeries made from false dies ring.
4. It requires zinc, lead or other soft metal to dampen a ring, but those can be determined by specific gravity or observation usually.

Please let know what you want us to do.

You might send us all of your testers for our museum as you sent Set 1 and Set 2 previously. We never use them commercially. Your new ones would be most welcome.

Come see our fine collection of coin testers in St Louis

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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30th April, 1985

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for your letter of the 17th.

I am interested in the historical aspects of ringing coins for use in an article I plan to write.

I have nothing on the subject at this stage. I have written to the ANA but, as of today, have not received a reply. As suggested in your letter, I have recently written to Coin World. Consequently any help an advice from you will be most appreciated.

Your points on ringing are succinct. The last one is of most relevance to our field - the detection of common metal counterfeits.

I am happy to tell you that I will be forwarding the two new Wallets - #3 and #4 - for your collection. I will include the latest edition of our Precious Metal Buyers Guide. Any suggestions on improving it will be most welcome.

I certainly hope that at some time I will be able to see your collection. I have become very intrigued by the old detectors and hope to acquire one at some stage.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth M. Rutherford

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May 9, 1985

Kenneth M. Rutherford
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Dear Mr Rutherford:

Thank you for the new group of testers. When you receive a copy of your patent please send it to me.

I have started to try to find something on "ringing" but it is difficult. I did get a nice squib from the 1925 Numismatist which is enclosed in photocopy. This is important as a lead to dictionaries. Look under "ringing" in the Oxford, Webster etc unabridged dictionaries and in slang books.

I hope your sales keep your cash register "ringing" because that is a genuine sound which is true.

Best wishes

Eric P Newman